

CHASING A FUGITIVE CANON.

**ACCUSED OF ROBBING A BELGIAN
DIOCESE OF 1,700,000 FRANKS.**

Detective Dorey of Inspector Byrnes's staff got back on Friday from a long chase through Canada, the South, and Mexico in pursuit of Canon Leon J. L. Bernhard, late Secretary to the Bishop of Tournay, Belgium. Bernhard, as the police were informed, had come to this country about a year ago, with \$340,000 belonging to the diocese, and had been arrested here last month in Havana, through the agency of Mr. Dorey, who yesterday told to a *Sun* reporter the story of his chase.

The case was put in Dorey's hands in March. This delay was due to the fact that negotiations had first been opened with the thief. They fell through. Apparently, too, it was at first decided to let the thief go, in order not to bring scandal upon the Church.

Bernhard was enabled to make his tremendous haul by an interregnum in the diocese of Tournay, caused by the deposition, on account of his age, of Bishop Dumont, to whom Bernhard was secretary, and by delay in the appointment of a successor Bishop. Bernhard had been in the diocese of Tournay for many years. He sailed for America on June 3, 1881. Then it was discovered that 1,700,000 francs in negotiable securities and cash was missing. The Belgian Government, through its Minister at Washington, and its legal representatives in this city, Goudart Bros., requested the New York Police to endeavor to locate the thief.

Dorey ascertained that Bernhard had come to New York and taken rooms at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, from which he had come to live at 25 West Thirtieth street, where he rented rooms in his own name. He remained there until he had collected \$340,000 in bonds with the Credit Lyonnais bank, and then he fled to Havana, where he was to be negotiated. Learning that the New York Police were looking for him, he quitted the city and fled to Havana.

For the long time Dorsey traced him to Boston, Montreal and Quebec, at which latter place he was located. Dorsey then went to New York and introduced him to Belgium to endeavor to effect a compromise in regard to the stolen money. Dorsey was next reported to be in Chicago, where he had a business connection. When he came to this city, he learned that Bernhard had gone South, and that about the middle of March he had been in Montreal, and had been in connection with Montgomery, and thence to Mobile and back to New Orleans, where he had taken lodgings in Canal street under the name of "Bernard." While in New Orleans Bernhard was in contact with a man named "Dorsey," and by means of this photograph that Dorsey was enabled to trace him from city to city. Bernhard was in New Orleans for about two or three days, and could not disguise the portliness of his face, and the fact that he had been on his steps to Atlanta, and then, returning to the Crescent city, told his landlady that he was going to New Orleans, and that he had a business connection, and registered at Hutchins' Hotel as Joseph Leopold. He remained there two days and then left. This was the last place where Dorsey saw him, and he went to Galveston, where he registered at the Hotel de France, and remained there two days. He stayed there two days and then went away, leaving it in doubt whether he had come to Vera Cruz. Dorsey then went to St. Louis, where he was to be found on the passenger lists of the Vera Cruz steamer, but the board in Galveston was not able to find him. Finally Dorsey went to St. Louis, learning nothing of him. He then went to New Orleans, where he was in the office of the Morgan line of steamers, for Vera

Prize learned that a man answering Bernhard's description had been seen in New Orleans. Franz Hendemann, a passenger on the steamer *Albatross*, told him that he had seen a man named Cruz the last of March. Identified Bernhard's photograph as the likeness of a man who had been in the company of a man named Brown, and who, having bought his ticket at New Orleans, had not gone to the city as a tourist, but as a passenger. Hendemann had gone to the city of Mexico with Bernhard, and thither Dorsey had followed him. He had seen a man in the hotel identified by the landlord of the Hotel de la Paz as that of one L. Brown, who had been in the company of a man named Cruz. On going away, Brown had left word that up to June 1 any letters which might arrive for him should be sent to the address of the man who was to be sent to San Luis Potosi, and up to July 10 to St. Leon.

and returned to Vera Cruz. At the office in that city, where the Canadian Mail Steamship Company, the agent representing Bernhard's photograph, and Dorsey learned that the Canadian had been taken for the purpose of being sent to the name of J. Lyon. Dorsey immediately notified the Belgian Minister at Havana. Bernhard was arrested and taken to the United States and identified him.

Thirteen thousand dollars were found in Bernhard's possession, together with thirteen keys to boxes in the offices of safe deposit companies in that city. It is estimated that 90 per cent of the stolen securities is said to be in the hands of Quebec lawyers, and it is believed that the balance of the loot will be found in the vaults of the safe deposit companies.

On the 10th inst. the Canadian mail steamer papers have arrived at Havana, and Bernhard is on his way to Belgium.

Walking Aimlessly In.

David Flynn was arraigned yesterday in the Jefferson Market Police Court, charged with stealing wearing apparel and silverware in the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Fulton, 219 West Twelfth street.

Mrs. Fulton, who is the proprietor of a dress shop, said she saw the prisoner in her hall, and when he failed to answer her, she called to him and he told her that he was a stranger. She called to him and he told her that he was a stranger. She called to him and he told her that he was a stranger. She called to him and he told her that he was a stranger.

Ten Heaborn Men Visit This City.

The police boat Florence patrols the river adjacent to New York on Sunday and watches for night

On the excursion barges. At 6 o'clock last evening she was called to the larger Water Snake, which was then being towed by the tugboat. She was welcomed by a large party of Hoboken excursionists, who had been up the Hudson. The captain of the barge told her of young men had been fighting, and asked to have them removed from the boat. She refused to do so, as they were the first of East River work in this city. They were allowed to go home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oberlight.

Samuel Oberlight remained with his wife at Fort Lee yesterday. He said that Dr. M. F. Mossoner, Deputy Surgeon General, had written him a letter announcing his name. He composed and wrote six letters for the doctor, who said that the handwriting and composition were the work of a sane person. Oberlight's counsel is to bring his case before Judge Hyatt to day.

The Signal Office Prediction.

Slightly warmer, fair weather, winds mostly westerly, stationary or lower pressure.

STATES INLAND.

The residence of Alexander Bradley, on Anna street, Trenton, was pulled down here early yesterday morning by two big water-bugs and chimneys and other fixtures, all valued at about \$200. Mr. Bradley was not at home.

The striking Slacks side of the States Inland opposition to the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State stipulated at States Inland, which was it is in the hands of the States Inland, some to be obtained on condition of the work of a sane person.

LONG ISLAND.

The Catholic chapel at Wadingham was crowded

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